



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Purple Day Proclamation

**Whereas**, Purple Day is a global effort dedicated to promoting epilepsy awareness in countries around the world; and

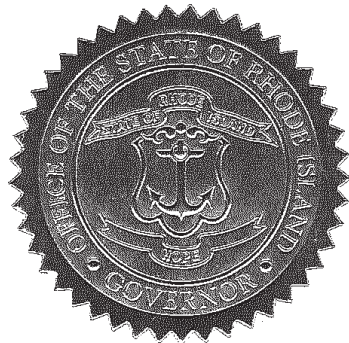
**Whereas**, epilepsy is one of the most common neurological conditions, estimated to affect over 50 million people worldwide and over 3 million people in the United States; and

**Whereas**, one in ten persons will have at least one seizure during his or her lifetime; and

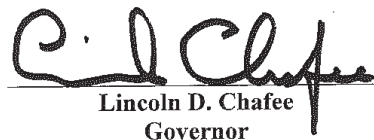
**Whereas**, the public is often unable to recognize common seizure types, or how to respond with appropriate first aid; and

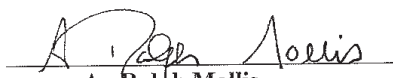
**Whereas**, Purple Day will be celebrated on March 26, 2011 to increase understanding, reduce stigma and improve the quality of life for people with epilepsy throughout the United States, and globally; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, **Lincoln D. Chafee**, do hereby proclaim March 26, 2011, Purple Day, in an effort to raise awareness of epilepsy in the United States of America.



Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island and  
Providence Plantations,  
this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2011

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor

  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State